

**SPECIAL MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-APRIL 24, 2002**

The Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 7:38 P.M. in the Town Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Present: Bellm, Hawkins, Holinko, Paterson, Rosen, Schaefer, Thorkelson

Absent: Haddad, Stallard

**II. BUSINESS****1. Opportunity for Public to Address the Council**

None

**2. House Bill 5047, "An Act Concerning 21<sup>st</sup> Century UConn"**

The issue of concern to the Town was the existence of certain exemptions, which was contained in UConn 2000 with regards to environmental statutes and regulations. Concern that all projects be consistent with the Connecticut State Plan of Development.

**3. "Raised House Bill 5708, "An Act concerning the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act"**

These are changes to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act to include an informal public participation process prior to the preparation of an environmental impact evaluation.

At 8:15 p.m. Denise Merrill, State Representative for the Town of Mansfield arrived from the State Capital and the state budget discussions. She discussed the two house bills, the summaries of which the Town Manager had handed out at the beginning of the meeting. At the present hour the budget is changing rapidly, and she felt that there was concern that a budget would not be ready for awhile. No new funds have been slotted for the Town. She spoke on UConn 21<sup>st</sup> Century and that majority of the projects on campus were ones to update existing buildings.

AT 8:55 p.m. Rep. Merrill left.

Town Manager also handed out a letter from Mr. Edmund J. Smith regarding the Hartford Courant's article in the Northeast Magazine of March 17, 2002.

Town Manager handed out a Concept Master Plan for Downtown Mansfield, an Overview of Proposed Implementation Process. At the May 13, 2002 Town Council meeting he will ask the Council to designate the Downtown Partnership as the Town's municipal development agency and to authorize the Partnership to proceed with the preparation of a municipal development plan to effect the project.

As requested the Manager presented the Council with the Firefighter Activity Report for members of both fire departments from the Fire Marshal, John Jackman.

Carol Pellegrine sent a letter to the Council requesting the Council look at the Capital projects under the Capital Fund budget proposal for possible ways to reduce the taxes.

Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works, has sent a letter informing the Separatist Road Residents of an informational meeting on May 4, 2002 in Conference Room C and then proceed to walk the proposed length of the project with interested residents.

#### 4. Proposed Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Budget

Town Manager presented the Council with proposals and suggestions on the budget. The Council will meet on April 29, 2002 to vote on the budget.

There will be a special meeting on April 29, 2002 to adopt the budget.

May 14, 2002 is the Town Annual Budget Meeting at the Mansfield Middle School at 8:00 p.m.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:03 p.m. Chris Thorkelson moved and Carl Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor  
Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk